

to be doing the business of the American people, not the business of our political parties.

COMMENDING SAMARITAN'S PURSE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the dedicated work undertaken by Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian aid group based in Boone, North Carolina. Specifically, I want to bring to your attention Dr. Kent Brantly, who has been heading up Samaritan's Purse work with Ebola patients in Monrovia, Liberia.

Tragically, Dr. Brantly, along with fellow American missionary Nancy Writebol, has contracted the Ebola virus. Both are currently fighting for their lives in an isolation ward in an African hospital.

Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues and all who hear this to join me in prayer for Dr. Brantly, Mrs. Writebol, and the more than 1,000 other patients who have contracted Ebola in this outbreak, which has already claimed over 600 lives.

The disease continues to spread, and Dr. Brantly, true to the selfless spirit of his missionary calling, has asked that his case not be treated differently from any other. Let us keep all those affected in our prayers.

DO-NOTHING GOP

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, the Republican Speaker JOHN BOEHNER will adjourn the House, and Congress will leave town for 5 full weeks. I rise to urge Speaker BOEHNER to cancel this recess and keep us in session, so we can address the urgent issues facing the American people.

Democrats have a clear list of priorities that will jump-start the middle class. We want to renew emergency unemployment benefits, raise the minimum wage, fix our broken immigration system, reauthorize the Ex-Im Bank, invest in repairing and rebuilding America's infrastructure, and make sure women earn equal pay for equal work.

We have an opportunity to lift millions of hardworking Americans out of poverty, create jobs, and grow the economy by passing these bills that will help the middle class.

It is a complete dereliction of duty for Speaker BOEHNER to adjourn the House and leave town without addressing any of these issues, but what is even worse, instead of getting these things done for the American people, the Republicans will take up a bill to sue the President for moving too slowly to enact a bill that they oppose, that they have tried to stop over 50 times.

You can't make this stuff up. The American people deserve better, and

the American people cannot afford 5 weeks of inaction.

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ALARMING SITUATION ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the situation on our southern border and the influx of unaccompanied migrant children is both tragic and alarming. Even more concerning is the lack of leadership coming from the White House.

We also know that a law passed in 2008—the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization—has further complicated the administration's response. The law guarantees minors from Central America a court date and assistance for temporary relocation as they wait out their pending appeal. Unfortunately, a large number of these individuals evade attending these proceedings. Few minors are sent home, and most are able to stay for years, if not permanently.

The current situation is a stark reminder of just how flawed the Senate's immigration reform bill is. Granting amnesty to millions would merely reinforce the perception that, if you come to the United States illegally, you will be rewarded. Unfortunately, billions in new spending will not reverse the perception of a lenient enforcement environment in the United States.

What we need is for the White House to enforce the laws, secure the borders, and put aside political games and start working with Congress in a bipartisan manner.

NOTARIO VICTIM RELIEF ACT

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, while America waits for House Republicans in Washington to bring immigration reform to a vote, we cannot forget about the invisible casualties of our broken immigration process, notario fraud victims.

While there are many communities and religious organizations that are providing legitimate immigration-related services, there is also a growing number of nonlawyers posing as legal consultants, and they are known as "notarios," and they are not licensed to give legal advice. Notarios are basically scam artists who prey on immigrant communities.

This week I introduced H.R. 5228, the Notario Victim Relief Act, which would allow victims of notario fraud to reopen their cases and immigrate lawfully. The bill is just the first step to-

ward stopping fraudulent immigration services in our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me as a cosponsor of H.R. 5228 and help the victims of our broken immigration system.

THANKING JAY KROEZE

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank a constituent from the wonderful little town of Biglerville, Pennsylvania, for his service and sacrifice to spread the cooperative principle of concern for community.

Jay Kroeze, a lead lineman at Adams Electric Cooperative, volunteered for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's International Foundation in Haiti as part of the Caracol Community Electrification Project. He spent 2 weeks in northern Haiti building and upgrading more than a mile and a half of power lines to help communities receive affordable, safe, and reliable electricity.

To date, more than 4,800 consumers in the northern part of Haiti now have access to electricity. Some now have TVs. A few have water treatment plants. Doctors can provide better care to patients, and residents have opened their own small businesses.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International currently is providing support to USAID in Haiti to bring safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to areas in northern Haiti.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I commend Jay Kroeze and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International Foundation for their tireless efforts in Haiti and around the world.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SUCCEEDS IN KENTUCKY

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, my home State of Kentucky has been a national model for how the Affordable Care Act can succeed. Through Kynect, our State exchange, more than 413,000 Kentuckians have gotten health insurance, nearly 310,000 of them for the first time.

These two maps show how health reform has reduced the rate of the uninsured in the Commonwealth's 120 counties. The orange and red in the top map show counties with pre-Affordable Care Act uninsured rates of 14 percent to more than 20 percent. Some of the most impoverished areas, such as eastern Kentucky, also had the highest uninsured rates.

The bottom map shows Kentucky today under the health care law. Only one county still has an uninsured rate